

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 567

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ed Miller on his distinguished service to the State of Tennessee as the District Public Defender for the 4th Judicial District on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, Ed Miller is one such estimable person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, appointed to serve as the District Public Defender for the 4th Judicial District in 1989 by Governor Ned McWherter, Ed Miller served with distinction in that office for more than thirty years, standing for and winning re-election to that esteemed office in 1990, 1998, 2006, and 2014, before taking his much-deserved retirement on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the youngest person to ever serve the Tennessee Branch of the Judiciary at age twenty-five, Mr. Miller is a graduate of Morristown Hamblen West High School; he earned his undergraduate degree at Carson Newman College and obtained his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1988; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming a district public defender, Ed Miller served as an attorney in the law office of Strand and Goddard and honed his legal skills working for his mother's business, Miller Court Reporting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller serves as president of the 4th Judicial District Recovery Court Advisory Board and is licensed to practice law in all State courts in Tennessee, the Eastern District of Tennessee Federal Court, the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the son of Judge James K. Miller and Jean Miller, Ed Miller is devoted to his family and enjoys the love and support of his wife of thirty-seven years, Lea Anna Richardson Miller, and their three children, Matt, Luke, and Ali; and

WHEREAS, Ed Miller exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Ed Miller demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of members of the bar and bench and his community alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Ed Miller on his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as the District Public Defender for the 4th Judicial District and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.